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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2008, please amend the application as indicated. In light of the amendments and arguments presented herein, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin at page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 4 of this paper

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

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